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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP EG ET  
SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN CONSIDERATION OF BREAK IN RELATIONS  
- WITH EGYPT

SUMMARY. ETHIOPIAMFA REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EGYPT. END SUMMARY.

1. ETHIOPIAN EMBOFF INFORMED EMBOFF JUNE 6 THAT PMGSE HAD "UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW" QUESTION OF BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EGYPT. ETHIOPIAN STATED THAT PMGSE BECOMING INCREASINGLY IRRITATED BY "INFLAMATORY ANTI-ETHIOPIAN" STATEMENTS FROM GOE OFFICIALS AND BY FACT REPEATED ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY PROTESTS HAVE RECEIVED NO SATISFACTORY RESPONSE. ETHIOPIAN NOTED THAT, IF STRICTLY BILATERAL ETHIOPIAN/EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WERE INVOLVED, DIFFICULTIES COULD EVENTUALLY BE IRONED OUT BUT "LARGER QUESTIONS" INVOLVED IN CURRENT ETHIOPIAN/EGYPTIAN PROBLEMS

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AND THESE "LARGER PROBLEMS" REQUIRE FIRM STAND BY PMGSE.

2. ETHIOPIAN MFA HAS NOT GIVEN ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY CAIRO DATE FOR DECISION ON RELATIONS QUESTION, BUT MFA HAS SENT QUESTIONNAIRES TO ALL EMBASSY PERSONNEL CONCERNING REASSIGNMENT PREFERENCES. ETHIOPIAN EMBOFF STATED THAT HIS EMBASSY AWARE THAT EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TOOK

SOFTER LINE ON ETHIOPIA THAN EGYPTIAN PRESIDENCY (I.E. SADAT). AND ORIGNALLY ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY HAD URGED ADDIS TO ENCOURAGE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DESIRES TO KEEP LINES OPEN TO MENGISTU. ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY CAIRO NOW CONCLUDING THAT CONCILIATORY ELEMENTS IN EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE HAD NO SUCCESS IN PUSHING DIALOGUE LINEN AND CONCLUDES BREAK IN RELATIONS MAY BE ONLY STEP LEFT FOR ETHIOPIANS VIS-A-VIS EGYPT. EILTS

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